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--13. [AMENDED] The compound of claim 1 [any of claims 1-11], wherein the DNA-interacting molecule is selected from the group consisting of [one or more of] intercalating agents, crosslinking reagents, incorporating molecules and ionically interacting molecules.--

--16. [AMENDED] A compound of claim 15, wherein the spacer contains 5 to 15 atoms[, especially 9 to 11 atoms].

--20. [AMENDED] A complex consisting of a compound of claim 1 [any of claims 1-16] complexed to a nucleic acid molecule.--

Please add claims 30 and 31 as follows:

--30. The compound of claim 1, wherein the spacer contains 10 atoms.--

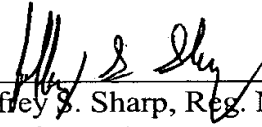
--31. The compound of claim 15, wherein the spacer contains 9 to 11 atoms.--

#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to eliminate various multiple dependencies and to place the claims in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is hereby solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any matter of form or substance, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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